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SUBJ: TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN

REF: MCO 1755.1

FOR MSG BN XO MCCLUNG FROM PSO, PANAMA FOR RMO

1. REF ORDER DOES NOT ALLOW PAYMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION OTHER THAN "DAILY COMMUTING SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL." SCHOOL ATTENDED BY EMBASSY AND NCOIC DEPENDENTS DOES NOT HAVE BUS SERVICE. TRANSPORTATION FOR DEPENDENTS CHILDREN IS PROVIDED BY EMBASSY, WHICH CONTRACTS WITH LOCAL BUS SERVICE. COST OF EMBASSY BUS SERVICE IS COVERED BY EDUCATION ALLOWANCES RECEIVED BY ALL EXCEPT NCOIC.

2. EMBASSY WITH LOCAL BUS SERVICE PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION TO ALL DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF EMBASSY, CUSTOMS, INS, AND AGRICULTURE EMPLOYEES. COST OF PROGRAM APPROXIMATELY \$450 PER CHILD PER SCHOOL YEAR. EDUCATION ALLOWANCE FOR EACH AGENCY COVERS COST.

3. IF REF ORDER STANDS GYSGT YORK WILL BE ONLY MEMBER OF OFFICIAL USG COMMUNITY NOT ABLE TO USE SCHOOL BUS FOR HIS CHILDREN AND CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT. AS HE HAS THREE DEPENDENT CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL, COST TO HIM PERSONALLY WOULD BE PROHIBITIVE.

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4. EMBASSY REVIEW OF REF ORDER LEADS IT TO CONCLUDE THAT

ORDER ANTICIPATES SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MOST LIKELY CASE, I.E., ON MILITARY BASES OVERSEAS, AND IS INTENDED TO DISCOURAGE PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT HQMC GRANT AN EXCEPTION TO THE REF ORDER FOR NCOIC GYSGT YORK TO COVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS SPECIFIC CASE: 1) SCHOOL IS DISTANT FOR HIS RESIDENCE; 2) TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED BY EMBASSY BUS IN ABSENCE OF BUS SUPPLIED BY SCHOOL; 3) ALL OTHER US PERSONNEL WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR SUCH TRANSPORTATION UNDER STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS.

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